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Senate Joint Resolution No. 12—Relative to the judicial nomination of Miguel Estrada.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 12, as introduced, Denham. Judicial nomination of Miguel Estrada.

This bill would memorialize the Members of the United States Senate to allow a floor vote on the appointment of Miguel Estrada to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2001, President Bush nominated
- 2 Miguel A. Estrada to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of
- 3 Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested,
- 5 beginning with his mastery of the English language and American
- 6 culture upon his arrival to the United States as an immigrant from

1 Honduras, and including his graduation magna cum laude from
2 Columbia University and Harvard Law School; and

3 WHEREAS, Over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote
4 on the floor of the United States Senate on Mr. Estrada's
5 nomination; and

6 WHEREAS, The Senate Judiciary Committee has issued a
7 favorable report to the United States Senate, yet, because of
8 partisan politics, Democratic Senators threaten to filibuster a
9 Senate Floor vote; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal and
11 conservative colleagues alike who attest that he is one of the most
12 brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, Organizations that support Mr. Estrada include the
14 League of United Latin American Citizens, the U.S. Hispanic
15 Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic National Bar Association,
16 the Hispanic Business Roundtable, and the Latino Coalition; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the
18 country to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals District of Columbia
19 Circuit, an important and prestigious position within the nation's
20 Court of Appeals; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
22 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully
23 memorializes the Members of the United States Senate to allow a
24 floor vote on the appointment of Miguel Estrada; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
27 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Chair
28 of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the United States Senate,
29 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the
30 Congress of the United States.

